

WHO HAS RECEIVED KOVAR GRANTS AND/OR LOANS?

- **Statewide Organizations**
 - Special Olympics Virginia
 - Hope Tree Family Services
 - Heart Havens
- **Northern Virginia**
 - St. John Paul the Great Catholic HS
 - Jill's House
 - MVLE. Inc.
 - Marian Homes
 - St. Mark Catholic School
- **Richmond and Central Virginia**
 - Medical Home Plus
 - Down Syndrome Association
 - SOAR365
 - Northstar Academy
 - The Faison Center
- **Williamsburg and Tidewater**
 - VersAbility Resources
 - Eggleston
 - Little Sisters of St. Francis
 - PORTCO
 - Holiday House of Portsmouth
- **Western Virginia**
 - The Arc of the Piedmont
 - DePaul Community Resources
 - LovABLE Services
 - Pleasant View
 - Goodwill Industries of the Valley



Group home blessing by Bishop Burbidge

KOVAR is a KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 501(c) (3) tax exempt Charity. Your contributions to **KOVAR** are tax deductible as permitted by law. Contributions are welcome from individuals and corporations and may be made by:

➤ **Mail Contributions** -- Make your check payable to KOVAR and mail it to Treasurer, 5588 Needleton Ave, Woodbridge VA 22193

➤ **Credit/Debit Card or Checking Account Donations** – Use the QR Code or go to www.kovarva.org and select DONATE HERE and then the Credit Card button



➤ **Workplace Giving** -- Combined Federal Campaign # 42569, Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign #200467, United Way of the Capital Region #8838

➤ **Employer Matching Donation** -- KOVAR is eligible for most employer matching donation programs. Requests for verification can be sent to the Treasurer

➤ **Vehicle Donations** -- go to www.kovarva.org and select DONATE HERE and then the Vehicle button



PROUD SPONSOR



50 Years of Service
(1971 – 2021)

**OVER A HALF-CENTURY HELPING
TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS
SERVE VIRGINIANS WITH
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (ID)**

INFORMATION AT

WWW.KOVARVA.ORG

www.facebook.com/kovarva

Email – info@kovarva.org

Contact your local Knights Council

KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity established in 1971 to serve Virginians with Intellectual Disabilities (ID). Since 1971 KOVAR has distributed more than \$15,000,000 in grants and issued more than \$5,000,000 in interest-free loans to assist in the purchase of group homes for Virginians with ID.

In 1971, the Knights of Columbus in the Commonwealth of Virginia sought a means to accomplish the charitable goals of the Order throughout Virginia. The result was the formation of a 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to providing financial support to organizations which support fellow Virginians with Intellectual Disabilities, regardless of race, creed, or ethnic background. This organization was chartered as KOVAR. The primary fund-raising activity for KOVAR became solicitation of contributions at public facilities by the individual Knights of Columbus councils and their families throughout the commonwealth. Today, brother Knights and their families host concerts, golf tournaments, Brunswick Stew sales, 5K walk/runs and dinners to raise funds for KOVAR in addition to the public solicitations.



Special Olympics Medal Celebration

HOW KOVAR FUNDS ARE USED

KOVAR serves Virginians with Intellectual Disabilities by funding:

- **Home Loans** – offering interest-free home loans of up to \$250,000 to non-profit group home operators.
- **Job skills training programs** – provided needed skills and opportunities to enable persons with ID to earn a living and enhance their physical and mental health
- **Life skills training programs** – provide necessary life skills to enable more independence and enhance the quality of life for persons with ID.
- **Transportation** – provide funding toward the cost of vehicles to provide transportation to and from work, day programs, shopping, and social events. Many of these vehicles are equipped with wheelchair lifts and safety equipment designed to assist Virginians with ID.
- **Startup programs** – help establish new and innovative programs designed to assist individuals with ID and their families.
- **Group Home Support** – renovations, repairs, and furniture for group homes which provide housing in family-like settings.
- **Athletic programs** – enhances the wellness and social skills of persons with ID. The Virginia Knights of Columbus is a major financial sponsor of Special Olympics Virginia at the Legends Level. In addition to KOVAR, state and local councils provide year-round volunteer and financial support.



YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED

Financial statement is available upon written request from the Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs, Commonwealth of Virginia.

KOVAR is recognized for its public accountability, program effectiveness, and expense control:

- Certified by America's Best Charities for its efficiency, a recognition given to less than 5% of charitable organizations in the United States.
- Certified by Charity Navigator at 100%

KOVAR is a 100% volunteer effort and has no salaried employees. KOVAR is grateful to brother Knights and their families and friends who donate their time, talent, and treasure for the benefit of Virginians with intellectual disabilities.

KOVAR Board of Directors volunteer their time and are not compensated for their travel expenses.



The Arc of Harrisonburg and Rockingham receiving a new wheelchair accessible van